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Richmond Yorkshire,

May 26th 1862.

Dear Sir

"Keld Independent Chapel property."

"I have referred to my letter to you of the 25th of March which seems fully to set out the facts as to this case so far as they were then known to me.

It is very unfortunate that Richard Alderson should have appointed some persons as Trustees who may not be those who would have been chosen by the Minister and Congregation; but having done so by the proper formal instrument, I am afraid that it is not possible to annul the appointment without his sanction.

The only thing then is to consider what really will be the effect of that appointment.

So far as the property is concerned of which they will be Trustees (all except that of which you alone were admitted in 1861) I do not think that you or the Congregation need be at all alarmed as to any interference with it by the Trustees. By the terms of the admittance of 1835 (whereon Richard Alderson was appointed) the Trustees and their successors are only Trustees for you as Minister for the time being and altho it may not be possible (without expense which is out of the question) to get rid of them their power will be practically nothing, because they cannot object to sign a deed declaring how the Trust shall be carried out, and even if some of them did there will be others who would wish to carry out the wishes of the Minister and Congregation in the working of the trusts and as in any act the consent of all the Trustees would be necessary the inimical Trustees would be powerless.

For this reason I think that those persons who have been named Trustees whose appointment is satisfactory to the Minister and Congregation should by all means consent to act and should be admitted with the rest and that then all should sign the trust deed which shall define the exact power of the Trustees, Minister, and Congregation both as to the mode of managing the land - the use of the Chapel - the appointment of the Minister and so on; - as for instance that the Minister for the time being shall have the use and enjoyment of Land House 8th as he shall think proper in the same way as a Beneficial Clergyman of the Church of England has: That the Congregation shall choose the Minister that the